Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 24 and cancel claims 3, 5, 12, 14, 17, 19, and 23. Claims 8 and 9 were cancelled in a previous amendment.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended)   A method for composing a computer message, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats, wherein said message formats further includes a first formatted display and wherein step (a) further presents a second message composition area;

(b) in response to entry of an said unformatted message into said message composition area and a selection of one of said output formats, converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted message, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(c) in response to an entry of a second unformatted message into said second message composition area, converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats and second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats; and

(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said message formats include SGML and book manager script,

3. (Cancel)

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein computer instructions for steps (a) and (b) are implemented in Java script.

5. (Cancel)

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

(e) editing said first and second formatted messages in said formatted message display area, if needed; and

(f) sending a copy of said formatted message to a computer message file.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said first and second composition areas and said formatted message display area are formed in a template that is presented on a web page, and wherein steps (e) and (f) are performed via said web page.

8. (Cancel)

9. (Cancel)

10. (Currently amended) A computer comprising:

a web page for presentation on an Intranet or an Internet;

a message creator program for the composition of computer messages, said message creator program performing the following steps:

(a) presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats wherein said message formats further

includes a first formatted display and wherein step (a) further presents a second message composition area;

(b) in response to entry of ~~an~~ said unformatted message into said message composition area and a selection of one of said output formats, converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted massage, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(c) in response to an entry of a second unformatted message into said second message composition area, converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of one of said output formats and a second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats; and

(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

11. (Original) The computer of claim 10, wherein said message formats include SGML and book manager script.

12. (Cancel)

13. (Currently amended) The computer of claim ~~12~~ 10, wherein computer instructions for steps (a) and (b) are implemented in Java script.

14. (Cancel)

15. (Currently amended) A memory media for a computer, said memory media comprising:

means for controlling said computer with a message creator program that performs the following steps:

(a) presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats wherein said message formats further includes a first formatted display and wherein step (a) further presents a second message composition area;

(b) in response to entry of ~~an~~ said unformatted message into said message composition area and a selection of one of said output formats, converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted massage, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(c) in response to an entry of a second unformatted message into said second message composition area, converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of one of said output formats and a second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats; and

(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

16. (Original) The memory media of claim 15, wherein said message formats include SGML and book manager script.

17. (Cancel)

18. (Original) The memory media of claim 16, wherein computer instructions for steps (a) and (b) are implemented in Java script.

19. (Cancel).

20. (Currently amended)   A method for composing a computer message, said method comprising the steps of:

(a)   presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats wherein said message formats further includes a first formatted display and wherein step (a) further presents a second message composition area;

(b)   in response to entry of an said unformatted message into said message composition area and a selection of one of said output formats, converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted message, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(c) converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of one of said output formats and a second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats.

(c)(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

21. (Currently amended)   A method for composing a computer message, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving an unformatted message from a user;

(b) presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats wherein said message formats further includes a first formatted display and wherein step (b) further presents a second message composition area;

(c) converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted massage, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(d) in response to an entry of a second unformatted message into said second message composition area, converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of one of said output formats and a second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats.

(e) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

~~(b) selecting one output format for said message from a plurality of output formats; and~~

~~(c) converting said unformatted message to a formatted message having an output format selected in step b) and including format tags of said one of said output formats.~~

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A memory media controlling a computer to compose a computer message, said memory media comprising:

(a) means for controlling said computer to receive an unformatted message from a user;

(b) presenting a first message composition area for entry of an unformatted message and a message format selector for selecting an output format from a plurality of message formats wherein said message formats further includes a first formatted display and wherein step (b) further presents a second message composition area;

(c) in response to entry of ~~an~~ said unformatted message into said message composition area and a selection of one of said output formats, converting said unformatted message to form a formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats, wherein said unformatted message is a first unformatted massage, said formatted message is a first formatted message, said message composition area further includes a formatted display area;

(d) converting said first unformatted message to form a first formatted message with format tags of one of said output formats and a second unformatted message to form a second formatted message with format tags of said one of said output formats;

(e) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area.

~~(b) means responsive to a user input to control said computer to select one output format for said message from a plurality of output formats; and~~

~~(c) means for controlling said computer to convert said unformatted message to a formatted message having an output format selected by means b) and including format tags of said one of said output formats.~~

24. (Currently amended)   The memory media as recited in claim 23, further comprising:

(d) (f) means for controlling said computer to display said formatted message for user review.